

As a basis of permanent prosperity the people of Florence rest their hopes upon the agricultural developments of this portion of the Gila valley. With the completion of the Florence canal there will be over one hundred miles of irrigating ditches in and about Florence, capable of irrigating nearly two hundred thousand acres of the most fertile soil in the world. A large portion of this area is yet in its virgin state and much of it is subject to entry under the various land laws, and it may be truly said that the work of reclamation is but just commenced and its limit is far beyond all present calculation. There is already a new company in existence organized to construct huge reservoirs and canals by which fifty thousand to seventy-five thousand acres of land will be irrigated, and still the sources of water supply will not be exhausted. The deep, rich soil, free from alkali and capable of producing abundant crops of every variety grows in southern California and indeed excelling them in many particulars, when provided with water for irrigation affords the best and most substantial return for the capital invested than any other class of property. For fruit lands a net income of one hundred dollars per acre is considered a small return and properly managed orchards and vineyards often net five times that sum per year. We can conceive of no greater inducement to settlers than such property offers and we can conceive of no rational person who would ask more. With such ample surroundings of incalculable value as a basis of future prosperity our people feel assured that no other section of the Pacific slope has brighter prospects. The importance of the industries that are bound to spring up under so many rare advantages and breadth of resources, will shortly command the advent of a railroad through the valley when the sum of the desires of the people will be reached, for all the other blessings of life can be created from the abundant materials that exist here.

Arrangements have been consummated between the Southern Pacific and the Maricopa & Phoenix railroads to lay down all the Silver King and Pinal freights at its destination, by way of Tempe, at rates materially reduced from the present tariff by way of Casa Grande. Indeed, it is stated that freight will be laid down at Silver King at about the same cost to the shippers as at Casa Grande, thereby effecting a saving of the hauling by team. This combination presents some curious features in railroad manipulation. The two companies agree to carry freight fifty miles beyond the line of the railroad and to control freighting terms for its transportation. The Southern Pacific voluntarily surrenders to the Maricopa and Phoenix road a large slice of its business that it could always fully control, with apparently no other object than to encourage the branch road, and the whole rate for a like distance is so materially reduced as to cover the cost of teaming to the destination of the freight. This self-sacrifice of the Southern Pacific road is the most remarkable instance of its generosity ever exhibited, and one can compare it only to the maternal biddy giving to its helpless chicks the nice, fat, tempting worm it had scratched so hard to obtain. The merchants and shippers of Pinal and Silver King will profit by this peculiar arrangement; Florence will scarcely feel any effect from the change, while Casa Grande will suffer considerably from its loss. Before the closing of another year, however, the locomotive will be in Florence, and new arrangements will follow that will be even more advantageous to our neighbors up in the mountains.

VISITORS to Florence point to the necessity for a large, commodious hotel, capable of supplying any demand made upon its hospitality. Had the place reached the limit of its growth the present hotel accommodations would be ample, but it is destined to grow with a rapidity that will startle some of its go-as-you-please residents. There is nothing that gives character to a growing town equal to an imposing and inviting hotel, where visitors from abroad will receive accommodations equal to those they enjoyed in their eastern homes. Their first inquiry of a new place is the quality of its hotels. Profiting by this knowledge the owners of many petit-larceny towns of southern California always erect a handsome hotel before another building is projected within miles of it, and as a rule its rooms are all engaged before it is fully completed and it gives excellent accommodations to the new-comers while their own residences are being erected. Florence possesses the surroundings that will make it a grand and flourishing city and we may reasonably expect to greet many strangers who come here to seek homes and investments. We must prepare to extend to them such hospitalities as will materially increase the first favorable impressions they derive of the place, and this we cannot do at the present time. It is a matter of such importance that our citizens should assist in constructing one by the formation of a stock company for its erection. The investment will itself be a good one and the public enterprise displayed will be a better one for the community. We urge this subject upon the attention of the people of Florence as a necessary measure of progressive enterprise and we trust it will meet with due consideration and ultimately bear the fruit of success.

We read of fierce snow storms, destructive gales and cold blizzards now prevailing throughout the states east of the Rocky mountains, while we are here enjoying the most pleasant and agreeable weather imaginable. Our doors and windows, upon these last days of October, are thrown wide open to admit the fresh breezes and there are no lurking frosts in the bright atmosphere seeking an opportunity to blight the fragrant flowers that still bloom in gorgeous profusion. The contrast in these conditions are too great for one who has not experienced them, to fully conceive. Here in the land of perpetual sunshine there is no preparation necessary to meet the long, cold and dreary winter. Our cellars are not filled with perishable products and our coal bins are not replenished to withstand the beleaguering forces of the frost king; our barns do not contain large apartments filled with many tons of hay for our cattle, but during the season we call winter the garden still supplies our vegetable food; the wood vendor finds slow sale for his loads of dry mesquite and the cattle graze contentedly upon the green fields that do not remind one of the proximity of Christmastide. The lovely winter season in Arizona is itself a gem so precious that, were there no other equally desirable advantages, ought surely to turn a big tide of immigration to our favored land.

THE brotherly love exhibited by some of the journals of this Territory towards their immediate contemporaries is strongly characterized by cannibal impulses, and the impartial observer naturally concludes that they are restrained only by the lack of the ability from "chewing" each other all up. Our Prescott brethren amicably call each other penitentiary names, while the Phoenix journalists dignify their profession in a profusion of reciprocal billingsgate. The Tombstone and Tucson kilkenys haven't much left in the catalogue of wordy war for further supply of ammunition, and they are therefore enjoying a temporary truce. We believe that all of these editors are truthful men and upon this belief we greatly dislike to be compelled to accept their unimpeachable testimony of each other's depravity or else acknowledge them to be the most consummate prevaricators of the age. Either one of the dilemmas is bad enough.

THE six Indians of Ek-kim-in-zin's band, arrested by Sheriff Fryer, are now safe in the penitentiary, enjoying better food and greater comforts than they have ever before experienced. The five convicted of resisting and obstructing an officer in the discharge of his official duty, were sentenced to seven months imprisonment. The penalty was made light for the reason that they claimed they did not know Sheriff Fryer was an officer and they had been told that the "citizen soldiers" were coming to drive them away. They had been taught to recognize no authority other than the military and were stupidly ignorant of having offended the law by their acts. However little credence can be placed upon any of their professions the court took the humane view of the subject and gave them a sentence just severe enough to show them that the civil law is a stronger power than the military and one they had best not to monkey with.

THE Epitaph is still harping on the Tortillita mines and parades its gross ignorance of those valuable properties by condemning them. At the same time it says "The Epitaph has never knowingly represented a mining property in other than its true light," which hypocritical affectation is decidedly amusing to its readers. The Tortillita mines are producing bullion in paying quantities and have paid their own way for the past several years. There are but few mining properties in Cochise county that have as good a record. Our faith in these mines is not to be shaken by such wild and random assertions as the Epitaph utters and until some better reasons are advanced for their condemnation than the base prejudices underlying the present malicious attacks we shall give these mines the full and impartial credit their merits as bullion producers warrant.

THE Long Island Baptist Association has decided not to accept contributions from the city of Brooklyn for the support of the homes under their care, because such money is received for licenses and taxes, and they are opposed to the "use of the devil's money for the cause of God." Those Christians are not good warriors in their great cause or they would surely forage from the enemy at every opportunity. As they have now resolved to do they must get along as best they can with ice cream festivals, the old fashioned grab-bag and the ring-cake.

THE date of the presentation of the gold sword to General Miles has been definitely fixed for Tuesday, November 8th. The General has signified his acquiescence in the arrangement and will be very careful to avoid all leg-breakers amongst the surf of misfortune, in the interim.

THERE is a dispute regarding the sensations experienced in high altitudes. The arbiter will probably be Boss Buckley, who has climbed to a dizzy height.

ON Monday as the pay car on the M. & P. railroad was passing through the Indian reservation on the Gila an Indian was noticed on the track and signaled to get off, which he did not heed. The brakes were applied, but too late to save the Indian, as he was run over and killed. The Indians have been in the habit of standing on the track before an approaching train, and jumping off at the last minute; the one above mentioned waited just a little too long and is now roaming the happy hunting grounds in consequence. No blame could possibly be attached to the railroad.—Tempe News.

In Good Faith.

Hoof and Horn.

Throughout Arizona the ever faithful press are still wearily urging capital to come and invest in its resources, and the summons is being answered. During the early part of the present year many men of money came to look at the opportunities presented for business openings and to-day they are among us. The Gila and Salt River sections are among the favored ones, and show that activity in land and other transactions as to warrant the sustaining of many thousands of souls and the creation of bustling and active communities for all time to come. The immense ditches that are being cut through a country heretofore considered worthless, real estate transactions in the towns and vast ranges purchased on the outside show the condition of affairs that nothing else than a California boom could have brought about for Arizona. Still in the face of this there are many Arizona journalists sending out reports of a collapse in the transactions of our neighbor and trying to "hold-up" the Easterner as he passes on. Such actions prejudice investors against the country, and will result in a loss where otherwise if nothing had been said or done, nothing would have been lost. It is characteristic of many Arizona journals to boastfully represent the advantages of their own respective sections without a word in favor of any other community. We are in favor of the entire territory and the particular resources that each lays claims to. We depend on the prosperity like that which California is now experiencing, and earnestly hope it will continue until mesquite and cactus land will be as eagerly sought and reclaimed as some of the lands which recently went at fabulous prices on the very borders of the desert, but which in reality are like a thistle to the lily when compared to the fertility of Arizona valley lands. We want the rush of eastern investors to continue on unceasingly to California. It is a point of view that will not hold some day. Some of them will retrace their steps and come to Arizona, as is already the case, to invest in a market where inducements are greater and a person is not smothered with four columns of figures as the price on a short acre of land. In stock raising, agriculture, mining and all other pursuits the territory is young when compared to the amount of capital invested in each. Then let the work be for the whole and nothing else but prosperity over the entire land will be experienced—one industry a close rival to the other, instead of a particular boost to a particular set or cause.

Reform Needed.

Phoenix Herald.

A little thrifty enterprise in the Salt River valley would turn the current of money into the valley instead of out of it. To-day Phoenix is buying eggs, butter, cheese, hams and bacon in California to supply the actual demands of our local market, and not only paying a good sum there to the middle men who make their profit but paying freight on those commodities and again the consumer is paying a profit to the importer here. No wonder money is scarce in the valley; no wonder our farmers are head over heels in debt and nothing but their lands to dispose of to get out of debt. "Money is scarce" is the cry. So it is and it should be when a people is utterly regardless and negligent of their own prosperity. This valley is sending out money for freight to the amount of over \$40,000 per month and a large part of that for freight on the necessities of life that can be produced in limited quantities right here in the valley. Should the policy of the past year continue another year there will be sufficiently hard times here to squeeze every dime out of the valley and there will be plenty of mortgages called on to come to time. The policy of the past year is simply suicidal, and suicide too with a mountain howitzer stuck into the mouth of the community.

Wanamaker On Advertising.

John Wanamaker, the Philadelphia merchant, recently spoke as follows about advertising, says the Savannah Morning News: "I never in my life used such a thing as a poster, or dodger, or hand bill. My plan for fifteen years has been to buy so much space in a newspaper and fill it up with what I wanted. I would not give an advertisement in a newspaper of 400 circulation for 5,000 dodgers or posters. If I wanted to sell cheap jewelry, or run a lottery scheme, I might use posters, but I would not insult a decent reading public with hand bills. The class of people who read such things are poor material to look to for support in mercantile affairs. I deal directly with the publisher. I say to him 'How long will you let me run a column of matter through your paper for \$100, or \$500, as the case may be. I let him do the figuring, and if I think he is not trying to take more than his share I give him the copy. I lay aside the profits on a particular line of goods for advertising purposes. The first year I laid \$5,000; last year I laid aside and spent \$40,000. I have done better this year, and shall increase that sum as the profits warrant it. I owe my success to the newspapers, and to them I shall freely give a certain profit of yearly business."

The Charities of the G. A. R.

Well, words are facts, when they are no great principles. But the Order has something else to show. It is doing a grand and noble work in charity to the families of deceased and dependent soldiers. For this year the actual reported outlay exceeds \$253,000; but if we reckon the amounts paid for the same purpose and never reported, it is fair to say that not less than half a million dollars have been thus expended. During the sixteen years from 1871 to 1886, the sum of \$1,173,688.80 has been distributed in charities; and as it is well known that one half is not reported, there can be no exaggeration in saying that twice that amount has thus been spent.

Is any, indeed, be doubted whether this Order does not give a greater percentage of its receipts, if not a larger total amount in charity, than any other organization, religious or secular. There are no distributing agents in the Order. All the money disbursed in charity is given directly to the needy recipients, the families of deceased soldiers, or those depending on soldiers who, because of disease or wounds, are unable to provide for their families; and in some instances, to the soldiers themselves.—Gen Lucius Fairchild, in The American Magazine for November.

Gen. Lucius Fairchild, recently Commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, will give, in the November number of The American Magazine, an account of the origin, aims and work of the Order. The G. A. R. is essentially a great benevolent society; its chief business is to help the needy, and it has kept closely to its work.

Arizona News.

Tempe will soon organize a lodge of the A. O. U. W.

Sheriff Hodgson of Gila county, died in Globe on Sunday.

Secretary Bayard has returned to Prescott from his visit east.

M. A. Jackson of Tucson will start another newspaper in Nogales.

The gate receipts of the Phoenix fair were \$341 greater than last year.

Hon. Patrick Hamilton is residing in San Diego and his health has improved greatly.

Company D. Ninth Infantry, from Nogales, has reached Fort McDowell to take station.

Gold dust is being sold in Yuma in considerable quantities. It comes from adjacent placers.

Dog killers are spreading poisoned meat in St. Johns and as usual the best dogs are the first to fall.

The Phoenix nine succeeded in defeating the Whipple club in the base ball contest at the Phoenix Fair.

Rev. U. Gregory, Baptist Minister at Tucson, has taken his farewell to the ancient and honorable pueblo.

The Prospector publishes a rumor that the Tombstone Epitaph will reappear as a daily on the first of November.

Tombstone exhibited the prize squash at the Phoenix Fair. It weighed 12½ pounds and a sassed 22 carots fine.

Frank Wagner, of Tucson, took six swarms of bees and 150 pounds of honey from the Santa Catalinas last week.

Alex. Levin has returned to Tucson and will take his family back to the city of Mexico. He is interested in a big brewery there.

The Governor has commuted to life imprisonment the death sentence of Johnson, one of the murderers of the Cleveland family.

Fred. Montagne, aged 13 years, stepson of Jos. Curby of Tombstone, was drowned in a pool of water three miles east of that place, last Saturday, while bathing.

Ex-Territorial Treasurer T. J. Butler and wife have returned to Prescott from a summer's visit to Massachusetts. Mr. Butler had not re-crossed the Rocky mountains since 1849.

Owing to financial difficulties work on the Mineral Belt railroad has been suspended. It is said that default in payment by the Atlantic & Pacific Company was the cause of the suspension.

J. M. Creighton and his wife and child were thrown from a buggy while the horse was running away last Saturday and received serious though not dangerous injuries. They reside in Phoenix.

The Tombstone Prospector reports the discovery of the remains of a band of eight horse thieves in the Dragon mountains. They occupy a stronghold in the very summit of the range and are able to withstand assault by a large force. Sheriff Slaughter and a posse have gone to dislodge them.

The mammoth dam of the Walnut Grove Water Storage company is nearing completion and but a few days more work will be put upon it. A year and a half has elapsed since the first blast echoed its commencement and today it stands as the greatest piece of mechanical work in the west. It is a grand sight, filling its immense basin and has attained such a depth as to easily float the Great Eastern. The work of constructing twenty miles of fluming of a size four feet by six feet, to convey water to hydraulic diggings and stock ranges, is another giant undertaking that Yavapai will derive benefit from when her gold beds yield up and her ranges are the scene of thousands of head of thrifty stock grazing contentedly on a heretofore parched plain.—Hoof & Horn.

News Items.

A bitterly cold wave struck Minnesota and the northwestern states Monday night.

Hon. Elihu B. Washburne, ex-Minister to France, died suddenly in Chicago last Saturday.

Dr. Dutch, a San Francisco dentist, suicided by hanging, Tuesday. Financial difficulties the cause.

Mexican bandits are active along the lower Rio Grande and bear off the rich ranchmen for heavy ransoms.

President Cleveland has made a proclamation designating Thursday, the 24th of November, as Thanksgiving Day.

A bronze statue of Abraham Lincoln was unveiled in Lincoln Park, Chicago, last Saturday. Little Abe Lincoln, grandson of the patriot, unveiled the statue.

George Green and Joseph Smith were arrested at Gainesville, Texas, on Monday charged with complicity in the Pantano train robbery. Smith has confessed and the whole gang will soon be arrested.

It is believed that Robert Garrett has become mentally deranged by the Baltimore & Ohio deal in which he was badly scorched. He will take a trip to the Pacific Coast and spend the winter in Mexico under the care of his physicians.

The jury in the Morrow trial for embezzlement, in San Francisco, disagreed on Saturday night and adjourned. They stood 11 for conviction and one for acquittal. His bail was reduced to \$25,000, but no time was set for his new trial.

Mr. Bullock Thinks he was Sold.

New York Herald.

Frederick A. Tritle, of Arizona, while stopping at the Gile House last July obtained a loan of \$10,000 from Thomas S. Bullock, giving his note for \$5,000 and, as collateral for the balance of the loan, 48,000 shares in the United Verde Copper Company. Some time after Tritle induced Mr. Bullock to surrender the collateral and to take for the debt 10,000 shares in the Arizona Investment and Development Company. Bullock has heard that the development company is a myth, and in a suit to recover his money has obtained from Judge Donohue, of the Supreme Court, an attachment against Tritle's property in this state.

The United Verde Copper Company has also obtained an attachment against Tritle's property in a suit to recover \$8,000 for failure to carry out his promise to pay for coke to be used in smelting operations.

In its new volume, beginning with the November number, The American Magazine will add some very important features to its monthly departments; these will include book reviews by Julian Hawthorne, a "Calendar of Health," by Dr. Hutchinson, and "Household Art," by illustrations, by Jennie June.

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Churches.

Assumption of the B. V. Catholic Church, Rev. J. Monfort, pastor. Sundays and festivals of obligation, mass, 8:30. Prayers, Benediction of the Holy Sacrament, 6 p. m.

T. DAVIS.

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